



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From            Period start date    October 7th 2022    To  
                         Period end date     December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Charity name:** Tofauti Foundation

**Charity registration number:** 1200616

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the foundation are to identify and partner with organisations on the ground in Africa that have aligned values and objectives to make a difference across the four Tofauti pillars:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To achieve a reduction in human-wildlife conflict</li><li>2. To provide better local access to environmental education</li><li>3. To protect wildlife</li><li>4. To protect natural habitats</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our purpose is to partner with proven and able operators to ensure implementation and maximal investment for our engagements. Tofauti, finds value in working with like minded people to bring about the changes, that is how we enable the people to be part of the lasting solution, this we believe provides an opportunity for it to have longevity. There is a stringent process of identifying partners that we would like to work with and with some of or trustee body placed on the African continent their experience and insight is important for us to maximise our investment potential, all within the array of projects that we invest in.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Tofauti Foundation Trustees adhere at all times to guidance and obligations as issued by the Charities Commission. As we established the charity very recently, we are familiar and comfortable with the obligations and requirements expected for good governance.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Due diligence is adhered to in order to assess past performances of the organisation or individual in proof of concept, or visibility on a project in which they have accurately executed to similar ambition. Any legislative requirements provided, such as environmental impact assessment (EIA) or NEMA approvals or the like. Additional to which we will need to see like minded individuals, with a genuine ambition to move the needle in the conservation and community development space, so there is a clear detailed assessment of the project potential, and importantly also how to mitigate potential pitfalls.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Via focus on locally owned solutions, Tofauti are dedicated to making social investments by helping rural communities and wildlife thrive together, over both short and long term.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All working for Tofauti do so on voluntary basis only, no formal employees on full or part time pay or benefits.
Other		n/a

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We had a busy 2023 on the ground in Kenya, benefiting once again from deep local connections and the presence of our founder Crista who</p> <p>lives there with her family and works tirelessly with our fantastic partners to bring about meaningful change. We have engaged with some new partners, explored numerous opportunities and have some great growth plans for 2024.</p> <p>Project work included:</p> <p><b>10% Fence plan – Shirango Community Conservancy Phase 1</b></p> <p>Project objective:</p>

1. Promote coexistence between wildlife and community members of Shirango Community Conservancy – construction of 6 x 10% Fence Plan plots. Members of the Shirango are receiving benefits that have derived directly from conservation efforts; through this plan Tsavo Trust hopes to improve their perception towards wildlife and create a “culture of conservation” 2. Promote food security and improve livelihoods in Shirango – smart agriculture training for at least 12 members / families. This phase will follow the completion of the 10% fences.

**Latest Update:** To build on the success in Kamungi Community Conservancy Tofauti and Tsavo Trust are targeting Shirango Community Conservancy (the other side of Tsavo East National Park).

Phase 1 – Shirango Community Conservancy part 1: Construction of 10% fences (6 fences for community members – benefitting 181 community members). 30% deposit for purchase of materials was made on 25th October 2022. 6 plots were selected from the Shirango Conservancy with the support of the Shirango Board.

The fences started construction in November 2022. Phase 1 – Part 2: Shirango Community Conservancy Permaculture/smart farming techniques training. Tsavo Trust will identify 6 additional members to benefit from the training; we expect this phase to be completed in Quarter 3 2023.

**Eco-Lodge in partnership with Biopalma for community ownership and additional revenue stream generation.**

Project Objective: Construction of a self-help community eco-tourism facility in the Kamungi Conservancy, bordering onto the northern boundary of Tsavo West National Park. This facility will be the start of revenue generation to the Kamungi Community.

**Latest Update:**

The main aim of this project is to actively involve the local Kamungi community in conservation efforts, through the creation of buffers to the National Parks, giving them

control over the conservation which directly affects them, whilst also incorporating livelihood improvements such as job opportunities and long term and sustainable revenue streams to enhance community ownership and self-reliance.

The Kamungi Eco-Tourism banda's are under construction. This facility will be the start of revenue generation back to the community and will allow members, through the Board, to make decisions on what projects to invest in. The Two-bedroom blocks are now at the roofing stages, water is piped to site and building works are ongoing.

### **Tofauti Tractor deployment for Elephant Fence**

To construct a 23km Human Elephant Conflict (HEC) 3-strand electric fence to run from Mtito Andei to the Athi River for over 8 years - an area which has historically had huge reports of conflict issues.

#### **Latest Update:**

Without any meaningful barrier to stop crop-raiding wildlife, especially elephants, from entering the community's marginal crops there are all too often cases of HEC and loss of human life. As a result, a negative perception towards wildlife has gathered momentum although this has slowly changed in a positive way since Kamungi Conservancy.

This important and pressing project would not only reduce HEC and increase food security for the 1,500 members of Kamungi, but also for the 7,000 people that live around this area and along the park boundary.

The Tofauti Tractor is an invaluable addition to the project in helping to transport fencing equipment, sand, laborers etc. to the construction sites.

**African Grey Parrot Project & Vulture rehabilitation project**

Project Purpose: Strategic partner to support the endangered African Grey Parrot release to Rubondo Island, Tanzania.

**Latest Update:**

For both projects below the legislation process is taking longer than anticipated and is currently having decisions made by government authorities, it is our hope that this concludes by mid 2024.

Exploring opportunities for a partnership in the release of 20 African Grey Parrots into their wild habitat on Rubondo Island in Tanzania. This may be in the form of food supplies while they adapt, infrastructure, or monitoring of their progress in the wild.

Vulture rehabilitation enclosures to save the species which has been in 70% decline over the recent decade. Due to the lacing of carcasses, there was a huge decline, and these raptors are fundamental for the clean-up job in the wild.

Awaiting further licensing and looking to support in the recovery of this species in Kenya.

**TogetherForWater With Tsavo Trust**

Project Purpose: Currently assessing water salinity in the current bore hole in Ngiluni village and looking to explore if there is a cost effective solution for desalination for consumption/crops and livestock.

**Latest Update:**

We explored extensively the addition of putting a borehole in Taita Taveta, however there was a disconnection between what the intent was against beneficiaries and this was deemed obstructive for our project to be pursued.

The Tofauti team began exploring desalination options as an alternative when it was apparent from the dispensary that people were getting hugely affected from the sodium content in the water resulting in multiple stomach ulcers. The search for a cost effective implementation partner is ongoing.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As part of annual planning, the charity develops annual goals, objectives and an implementation roadmap. This is then reviewed and updated regularly through the year vs progress and achievements.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Tofauti holds cash of £98,517 at 31 December 2023, which includes £14,675 of restricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds are raised and spent in accordance with the Tofauti Pillars.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£98,517
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Tofauti will continue to fund raise for specific projects such as the 10% Fence Plan, as well as general fund raising to support the Tofauti Pillars.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principle sources of funding are;  Syndicates Event fundraising Individual donors
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Due to financial size of the charity and active deployment of funds to field projects, there is not a policy to invest donation balances. With very little by way of overheads (no premises or employees currently) , funding is deployed to a variety of field projects which are systematically assessed and recorded as being aligned to the strategic direction and focus areas of within the charity's targeted causes.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inherent to all small charities, success in all fundraising activities is critical to the charity's ability to achieve benefits in its targeted causes in any given year. As the charity has been able to comfortably demonstrate quick deployment of funds and direct and full application of donations to field projects, this has supported the continued success rate of fundraising.
Other		n/a

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	n/a
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are formally reviewed and appointed by Chair and Director. All are registered with Charities Commission.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	n/a
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Tofauti Foundation
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1200616
Charity's principal address	Tofauti Foundation 1 London Road Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2HA



**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Andrew Christian Lewis	Chair	Full year	Director plus Trustees
2	Chay Crista Kerio Cullen MBE	Director and Founder	Full year	Chair
3	Peter Wiliam Reynolds	Fundraising	Full year	Chair & Director
4	Benjamin Stuart Moralee	Treasurer	Full year	Chair & Director
5	Emma Jane Bray	Secretary	Full year	Chair & Director
6	Jason Timothy Thorne Hurwitz	Strategy & Development	Full year	Chair & Director
7	Trevor Chambers	Marketing & Communications	Full year	Chair & Director
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
None		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Chay Crista Kerio Cullen MBE
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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## Other optional information

n/a
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Andrew Lewis</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Andrew Lewis	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair Of Trustees	
<b>Date</b>	5/9/2024	